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1. YOU MAY EXPRESS TO EC NINE OUR AGREEMENT WITH THEIR PLAN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO TABLE STREAMLINED TEXT ON TRADE OBSTACLES AND OUR

APPRECIATION FOR CHANCE TO COMMENT ON TEXT. WE HAVE USED OCCASION TO REVIEW US POLICY TOWARD THIS KEY BASKET 2 AREA, AND GENERALLY ENDORSE EC NINE TEXT, WITH FOLLOWING COMMENTS KEYED TO TEXT GIVEN REF A.

- 2. PARAS 1 AND 2. ENDORSE USDEL COMMENTS.
- 3. PARA 3. SUGGEST FOLLOWING REWORDING OF FINAL PART VICE USDEL COMMENT: SO THAT FULL ADVANTAGE CAN BE TAKEN OF THE POSSIBILITIES FOR TRADE EXPANSION. IF THIS NOT ACCEPTABLE TO NATO CAUCUS, REQUEST AT LEAST DELETION OF WORD "ALL" IN EC NINE AND USDEL VERSIONS.
- 4. PARAS 4 AND 5. ACCEPTABLE.
- 5. PARA 6. YOU SHOULD INFORM NATO CAUCUS THAT WHILE WE CAN

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ACCEPT AT THIS TIME GENERAL APPROACH IN DRAFT TEXT, FINAL US APPROVAL OF LANGUAGE ON SAFEGUARDS WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE UNTIL THE US SAFEGUARD MECHANISM APPLICABLE TO NON-MARKET ECONOMIES IS ENACTED BY CONGRESS THROUGH PASSAGE OF TRADE REFORM ACT. THIS POSITION IS NECESSARY TO AVOID ANY POSSIBLE CONGRESSIONAL CONCERN WHILE THE TRA IS PENDING AND TO ASSURE THAT US COMMITMENT CONFORMS TO US LAW.

- 6. APPRECIATE US REP STATEMENT OF DISCLAIMER RE INABILITY OF US TO CONTROL EXPORT QUANTITIES (PARA 3 REFTEL B). ON FURTHER REFLECTION, IT SEEMS OUR POSITION ON THIS ISSUE COULD BE FURTHER STRENGTHENED BY DELETION FROM EC NINE TEXT OF WORDS "IN SUCH QUANTITIES AND." REMAINING PHRASE, "UNDER SUCH CONDITIONS," WOULD SEEM TO COVER QUANTITIES ALONG WITH ANY OTHER ASPECTS OF TRADE, BUT WITHOUT SPOTLIGHTING QUANTITIES TO DISCOMFORT OF US.
- 7. IN ADDITION, YOU SHOULD PROPOSE DELETION OF THE PHRASE "SERIOUS INJURY," AND SUBSTITUTION OF "DISRUPTION." THIS CHANGE NECESSARY TO BRING CRITERIA INTO CONFORMITY WITH ANTICIPATED US LAW. UNLIKE "SERIOUS INJURY TO INTERNAL MARKET," LATTER TERM CONFORMS TO INTERNATIONAL USAGE IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CERTAIN SAFEGUARD CLAUSES. MFA UNDER GATT,FOR EXAMPLE, CONTAINS REQUIREMENT OF MARKET DISRUPTION BEFORE RESTRICTIVE ACTION TAKEN. SINCE NO INTERNATIONAL OR DOMESTIC PRECEDENT EXISTS FOR "SERIOUS INJURY TO INTERNAL MARKET" IMPOSSIBLE TO ANTICIPATE HOW IT MIGHT BE INTERPRETED. NONETHELESS, IT APPEARS TO PRESENT A MORE STRINGENT TEST THAN MARKET DISRUPTION AND AS SUCH WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO ACCEPT IF US LAW AS ANTICIPATED

REQUIRES DETERMINATION OF MARKET DISRUPTION.

- 8. RE REPLACEMENT OF "PRODUCERS" BY "DOMESTIC PRODUCTION," US CAN ACCEPT EITHER AS LONG AS DOCUMENT EXPLICITLY INDICATES THAT BOTH FIRMS AND WORKERS ARE INCLUDED. DURING NEGOTIATION ON US SOVIET TRADE AGREEMENT, THIS WAS A MINOR ISSUE SETTLED BY AGREEMENT THAT US INTERPRETED DOMESTIC PRODUCTION TO INCLUDE FIRMS AND WORKERS.
- 9. PARA 7. CONCUR WITH USDEL COMMENTS RE IMPORTANCE OF THIS PASSAGE FOR BALANCED TREATMENT OF MFN. REQUEST CLARIFICATION OF MEANING OF REFERENCE TO "SUPPLEMENTARY ARRANGEMENTS." RECOGNIZE THIS IS NOT NEW LANGUAGE, BUT IF IMPLICATION IS THAT ALL SUBSEQUENT NEGOTIATIONS IN TRADE FIELD ARE SUBORDINATE TO OR FLOW FROM CSCE, SEEMS A BIT GRANDIOSE.
- 10. CONCERNING REFTEL C TEXT ON IMPORTANCE OF FINANCIAL/

MONETARY MATTERS TO TRADE, YOU MAY INDICATE US APPROVAL. IF EASTERN PROPOSAL ON CREDITS SHOULD BE REVIVED, PLEASE REFER FOR INSTRUCTIONS. INGERSOLL

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